

D/R/NPIC

J-9665

CSD/NPIC 108/65

2 MARCH 1965

25X1

PAGE 1
COPY 1

MILITARY AREA
BAN THAY AREA, LAOS
1635N 10605E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD J-7238 FOR COMPARISON)

1. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF

25X1

REVEALS THREE MILITARY AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF BAN THAY:

25X1

AREA A (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF BAN THAY ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE HOUEI ACAI (RIVER), CONTAINS A REVETTED FOUR-GUN UNOCCUPIED AAA SITE AND AN ADJACENT UNRETTED FOUR-GUN UNOCCUPIED AAA SITE. A FORMER MILITARY AREA LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE AAA SITES HAS BEEN ABANDONED AND FOUR PARTIALLY DISMANTLED BUILDINGS REMAIN. SEVERAL ISOLATED BUILDINGS/HUTS ARE OBSERVED. TWELVE BOMB CRATERS (NINE OF WHICH ARE NEW) ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA; HOWEVER, NO BOMB DAMAGE IS OBSERVED.

AREA B (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTHEAST OF BAN THAY ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF ROUTE 9, CONTAINS THREE SUB-AREAS. SUB-AREA B-1, AN APPARENTLY INACTIVE MILITARY AREA ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE HOUEI ACAI (RIVER), CONTAINS SIX BUILDINGS (THREE PARTIALLY DISMANTLED). SUB-AREA B-2, 0.2 NM EAST OF SUB-AREA B-1 AND CONNECTED TO ROUTE 9 BY FRESH WHEELED TRACK ACTIVITY, CONTAINS AT LEAST EIGHT BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. SUB-AREA B-3, IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF SUB-AREA B-1 ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE HOUEI ACAI (RIVER), CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE BUILDINGS UNDER A HEAVY TREE

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue.

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

SECRET

25X1

SECRET

25X1

CSD/NPIC 108/65

2 MARCH 1965

PAGE 2

CANOPY WITH APPARENT TRACK ACTIVITY AT THE ROAD ENTRANCE.

AREA C (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), 1.8 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF BAN THAY ON NORTH BANK OF HOUEI ACAI (RIVER), IS AN EXTENSIVE ROAD-SERVED BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 SQUARE NM IN AREA, CONTAINING AT LEAST SIXTY-SIX DISPERSED BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. HEAVY WHEELED TRACK ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN THE AREA. ISOLATED PATCHES OF ROW CROPS ARE SEEN WITHIN THE WOODED AREAS. TWO NEW BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE AREA AND ONE CARGO TRUCK IS SEEN IN CENTRAL PORTION. SEVERAL BUILDINGS APPEARING IN OPEN CLEARINGS HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED SINCE [REDACTED]

25X1

SHOWN ON THE GRAPHIC ARE 8 NEW BOMB CRATERS, ONE UTILITY TRUCK AND ONE BURNING BUILDING. AT LEAST NINETY STACKED PROBABLE 55-GALLON DRUMS ARE OBSERVED IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE AREA.

2. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY NUMEROUS [REDACTED] LAZY DAISY,

25X1

[REDACTED], LUCKY DRAGON, AND TROJAN HORSE MISSIONS.

25X1

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue.

SECRET

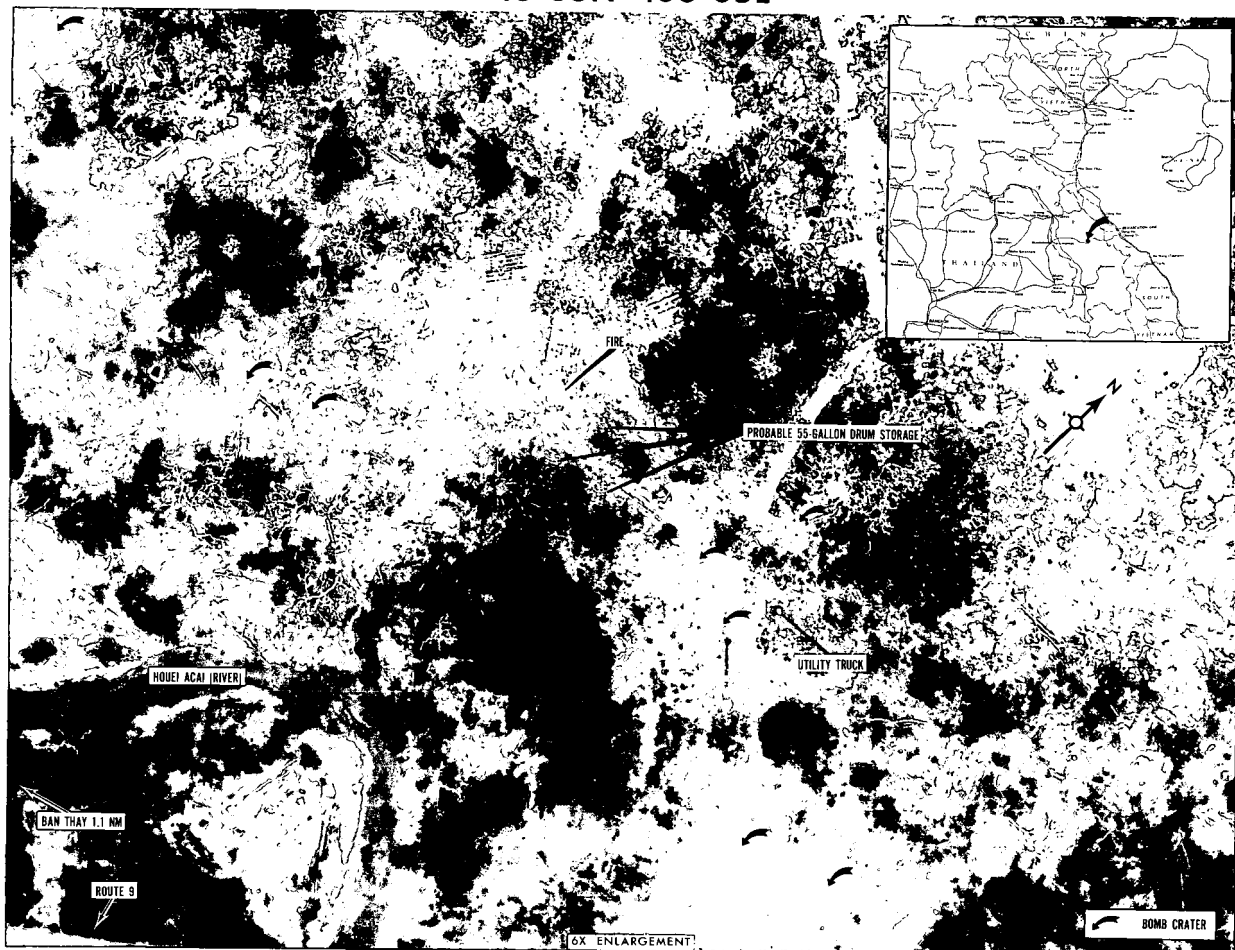
25X1

SECRET

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

25X1

MILITARY AREA
BAN THAY AREA, LAOS
16-35N 106-05E



NPIC J-9665 (3/65)

SECRET

Copy 1

Approved For Release 2007/06/06 : CIA-RDP80T01471R000500080001-9

25X1

REPRODUCTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IS
WHOLE OR IN PART IS PROHIBITED
WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Approved For Release 2007/06/06 : CIA-RDP80T01471R000500080001-9